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November 20, 2019

Mr. Jeffrey Butler	44 2 7	*	-
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Dear Mr. Butler,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

 <u>Docket No. 2019-290-WS</u> - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling Executive Assistant

11/12/19

Chapin

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Clerk's Office 101 Executive Center Dr, Suite 100 Columbia SC 29210

To: Commissioners of Public Service

Subject: Notice of Filing from Blue Granite Water Company, Docket No. 2019-290-WS

My name is Jeffrey Butler and I am a residential customer of Blue Granite Water Company for both water supply and sewer service in the Chapin SC area. As a consumer and homeowner in SC, I am very much aware that inflation and capital improvements increase everyone's cost of living and the cost of conducting business. However, Blue Granite's request for 46-56% for residential monthly rates and large increases for initial hook-ups is completely excessive.

I have lived in other areas of SC and in several other states and have been serviced by municipal and private water/sewer companies. The current charges that Blue Granite receives from it's customers are by far the greatest I have ever paid. Essentially, the Blue Granite rates are already too high and I respectfully request the the SC PSC not grant the rate hikes requested by Blue Granite.

Thank you

Jeffrey Butler

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